

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of July 17, 2008. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's previous indication of allowable subject matter in this application. That is, the Examiner kindly indicated in the Office Action of January 28, 2008 that claims 4, 8, 10, and 12 are allowable. Claims 1-13 have now been cancelled, without prejudice. New claims 14-17 are added, specific to the subject matter of former claims 4, 8, 10, and 12, respectively. No new matter is added by this Amendment. With this Amendment, only allowable claims 14-17 remain pending in the application.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van de Castle. Office Action, pages 4-5. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minami. Office Action, pages 5-6. Claims 1 and 7 have been cancelled, and none of new claims 14-17 corresponds to claim 1 or to claim 7. Accordingly, these grounds of rejection do not apply to any claim presently pending in the application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass all claims currently pending in this application to Issue.

If there are any questions concerning the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

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